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FREE GRAMMAR PRACTICE · FORMS 1–3

Although · But · Despite · However

Four ways to show contrast, each with its own grammar

Word	What follows	Example
although	a clause (subject + verb)	**Although** it rained, the match went on.
but	a clause, after a comma	It rained, **but** the match went on.
despite / in spite of	a noun or verb + -ing	**Despite** the rain, the match went on. **Despite** feeling ill, Ben played.
however	To start a new sentence, write However followed by a comma.	It rained. **However,** the match went on.

PART A Choose

Tick (✓) the correct word or phrase.

1. (☐ Although ☐ Despite) the bus was full, we got on.
2. (☐ Although ☐ In spite of) the heavy traffic, Dad arrived on time.
3. The hotel was expensive. (☐ However ☐ Although), the rooms were small.
4. Amy passed the test (☐ despite ☐ although) missing two lessons.

PART B Rewrite

Rewrite each item using the word in brackets. Keep the meaning the same. You may use two sentences.

1. The shop was crowded, but we found what we wanted. (Although)

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2. Although she was tired, Lucy kept walking. (Despite)

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3. The film had great reviews, but few people watched it. (However)

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Answers **A** 1 Although · 2 In spite of · 3 However · 4 despite **B** 1 Although the shop was crowded, we found what we wanted. · 2 Despite being tired, Lucy kept walking. / Despite her tiredness, Lucy kept walking. · 3 The film had great reviews. However, few people watched it.

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